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The Honorable Paul A. Volcker  
Chairman  
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United Nations Oil-For-Food Program  
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Dear Chairman Volcker:

Thank you for your letter of November 16, 2004, in response to our letter to Secretary-General Annan dated November 9, 2004. With respect to your letter and our conversations over the last few days, we are pleased that the IIC and the Subcommittee are making progress towards our mutual goal of full disclosure of evidence related to abuse and/or corruption of the Oil for Food Program.

First, we are gratified that the IIC anticipates releasing the internal audits and other requested documents in January. We note that this projected release date is considerably earlier than the original expectation of mid-2005, and certainly appreciate the IIC's efforts in this regard.

In addition, as discussed in our conversations over the last few days, it is our understanding that the IIC and the U.N. will agree to withdraw their objections to the Subcommittee's subpoena to Lloyd's Register Inspection Ltd., and permit Lloyd's and other U.N. contractors to fully comply with our requests.

Finally, while we are making progress with respect to those topics, certain issues remain outstanding. The most significant area of disagreement is whether the Subcommittee will have access to U.N. personnel. Contrary to the implication in your letter, we do not intend at this point to call U.N. personnel to testify under oath before the Subcommittee. Instead, we hope to meet with certain U.N. personnel on a voluntary basis for informal interviews concerning the discrete aspects of the OFF Program. In making this request, we note that congressional investigators have conducted such informal interviews with U.N. personnel under similar circumstances in the past. We hope that we can make progress on this issue, as we have on the other topics.

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Sincerely,



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